

# MAJOR MCKINLEY'S CALLERS.

## GOVERNOR-ELECT ATKINSON HEADS A WEST VIRGINIA DELEGATION.

### THE PRESIDENT-ELECT SPENDS A BUSY SATURDAY AND RECEIVES SOME ODD VISITORS—CANTON PREPARING FOR MARCH 4.

Canton, Ohio, Nov. 7.—Governor-elect Atkinson, of West Virginia, with a score of friends from Wheeling, arrived here at noon and all were cordially greeted by Major McKinley. The Wheeling delegation was received by Major McKinley in his library. Archie Campbell made an eloquent address to the President-elect, and said he and the other men had come not as Democrats or Republicans, but as loyal citizens of the United States, to congratulate him upon his election, and to express their high appreciation of his splendid campaign and masterly speeches.

Major McKinley said he was moved by the call and thankful for it, and in turn congratulated West Virginia and Mr. Atkinson on the result in that State.

Major McKinley was presented with a handsome engraved address, signed by every member of the West Virginia party which called today.

General Manager W. R. Woodford, of the Cleveland, Lorain and Wheeling Railroad, accompanied by Miss Hanna, a sister of Chairman M. A. Hanna, also called on Major McKinley this morning.

Major McKinley had a busy morning. His personal mail was large and contained letters of congratulation from John Wanamaker, ex-Governor Beaver, of Pennsylvania; the Governors of Vermont and Rhode Island, ex-Postmaster-General Key, and a daughter of President Tyler.

Six delegations called. One was the Girls' McKinley Club, of Akron; another a small one composed of the officials of Stark County, Ohio. The latter delegation brought with it a photographer, and Major McKinley good-naturedly consented to have his picture taken in a group with the officials.

Ex-Governor L. F. Hubbard, of Minnesota, was a caller at the McKinley home at noon. He said the plurality in Minnesota for McKinley would exceed 50,000. Mr. Hubbard is of the opinion that this great plurality indicates that the people of his State understood the money question thoroughly, and have expressed themselves decidedly and finally upon it.

The Major had two odd callers shortly before noon. They were little old women attired in black. Their faces were pale, and they looked nervous, but there was a purposeful gleam in their eyes. They advanced side by side to Major McKinley, and, extending their hands each in turn, sang four lines of congratulatory rhyme. This is the first experience Major McKinley has had with poets since his election, and the first congratulations he has had in song from the lips of comers.

D. D. Woodmansee, of Cincinnati, president of the National League of Republican Clubs, called on President-elect McKinley this morning, accompanied by President Leach, of the Ohio League.

Altogether the President-elect shook hands with a thousand people, but made no speeches. The day closed with a joyous parade, parades and fireworks. Illumination was general along the lines of march, and the parade was reviewed by Major McKinley as it passed by his residence. A large number of people from Alliance, Massillon, and other cities in this part of Ohio participated.

The President-elect decided this evening to remain in Canton for the night, and the suggestion was made that a physician, who was expected to-day that it would not be advisable for her to travel before the middle of the week.

The big delegation of the day was composed of the employees of the New-Philadelphia Iron and Steel Company, of New-Philadelphia, Ohio. The men called at the McKinley home at 3 o'clock this afternoon. There were 600 men in the party, and many of them brought along wives, and Major McKinley thanked his visitors for their call and shook each by the hand.

Upward of a hundred letters congratulating Major McKinley upon his patriotic attitude in his recent telegram from Alliance, Ohio, have been received to-day, among them the following:

From Daniel H. Hastings, Governor of Pennsylvania: "The most satisfactory thing about your campaign is that you made not a single mistake. You met every question as it arose, and most ably and wisely. You have been a divine hand guiding your every footstep."

Washington, D. C., Nov. 7.—The President-elect McKinley has been elected to the Presidency of the United States. The result of the election was a surprise to many, and the country is rejoicing. The President-elect is a man of high character and ability, and his election is a great honor to the United States.

Governor Charles Warren, of Rhode Island, called on the President-elect McKinley this morning. He said that he was proud to be a citizen of the United States, and to have the honor of congratulating the President-elect.

Ex-Senator W. D. Washburn, of Minnesota, called on the President-elect McKinley this morning. He said that he was proud to be a citizen of the United States, and to have the honor of congratulating the President-elect.

The following letter from General Stewart L. Woodford, of New-York, was received by Major McKinley to-day:

"Flooded as you are with congratulations, I hesitate to add even a line. And yet I want to thank you for the leadership that never failed us in any crisis of the fight, and that were times when we were hard and your words came as inspiration. Just as you said the right things then, so your message to Mr. Hanna comes today, bidding the people take courage and go to work with faith in the future. I get letters from old Confederate friends in Mississippi and Alabama that would make you feel glad. Full of our country in its physical boundaries, I believe that to you is given the privilege of leading together the hearts of all our people in the unity of a common prosperity and a common loyalty. To do this will be more than to be President. With full heart I give you heartfelt congratulations."

Other congratulatory letters came from Charles Foster, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, of New-York; William T. Durbin, Indiana, and others.

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 7.—Troop A, of Cleveland, part of the Ohio State Militia, has tendered its services as escort to President-elect McKinley from Canton to Washington on the occasion of his inauguration. The troop escorted Garfield from Mentor to Washington.

Ahner McKinley started for New-York this afternoon and does not expect to return to Canton before the holidays.

The people of Canton, many of whom hope to have business of an urgent nature in Washington after March 4, are preparing their residence there for at least four years, are preparing to move in an organized way on the National capital. A meeting will be held early next week for the purpose of forming a regiment of a thousand men, selected from the various campaign organizations in this city, to serve as escort to Major McKinley on his journey to Washington.

Each man will be armed with a rifle, and will also occupy the post of honor, according to a local paper, in the parade on Inauguration Day. The company will be handsomely uniformed and carefully drilled. The two companies of the National Guard will lead the Canton contingent in Washington. In addition to the uniformed men, there will be a large number of civilians, and the company will be a very large one.

# GEN. LEE WAS CALLED HOME.

## THE PRESIDENT WANTED INFORMATION ABOUT CUBA.

### IT IS BELIEVED IN WASHINGTON THAT MR. CLEVELAND INTENDS TO DEVOTE A LARGE PART OF HIS MESSAGE TO THE ISLAND REBELLION.

Washington, Nov. 7.—The fact has come to light that Consul-General Lee is here in obedience to a summons from the State Department. He did not come on a mission of self-convenience. This piece of information is of much interest. It was announced this week at the White House that President Cleveland had begun work on his message to Congress. General Lee's coming just now must, therefore, be to acquaint the President with the true situation in Cuba. As related in these dispatches last night, the General has never submitted a report to the State Department on Cuban affairs, except on minor and routine matters.

It is learned to-day that he did not, as has been announced, leave a written report at the State Department yesterday when he called on Secretary Olney. The intelligence conveyed to the Secretary and later to the President was communicated verbally again to-day. The Consul-General was at the White House in conference with the President. He was also a visitor at the Navy Department, being in consultation with Secretary Herbert for more than an hour.

This latter call has occasioned no little speculation, as the Naval branch of the Government is not mixed up in Cuban affairs. With studied resolution Secretary Herbert has endeavored not to have the Navy involved one way or the other in reference to Cuba. As is well known, the home squadron has not been south of Hampton Roads for over a year.

That General Lee should reach Washington at the time when the President is engaged in writing out the first pages of his annual report, which, according to custom, will refer to the country's foreign relations—is significant. In the judgment of well-informed persons, the Consul-General is here to inform the President that the revolution in Cuba is making no headway, that there is no promise of an early ending of the struggle, and that as long as hostilities continue American trade with the island will be seriously injured.

## INJUSTICE TO AMERICANS.

A private letter received here to-day from Havana says that there has recently been an expatriating interference there with American commercial interests, and that Spanish officials have been accused of injustice and pecuniary irregularities in the cases of American vessels. This subject, it is said, is of such importance as to demand the attention of the State Department. The letter says that General Lee is familiar with the facts, and has promised to lay them before Secretary Olney. This must be another and a new topic which the Consul-General will discuss with the authorities. Of course, these matters are only a few of those which make this Government deeply interested in what is going on in Cuba.

## BOYS LIGHTED GUNPOWDER.

### THREE LITTLE FELLOWS TERRIBLY INJURED BY THE EXPLOSION—ONE MAY DIE.

Otto Muhlenbrink, Albert Frey and John Kraelch, three little boys, about five years old each, were terribly burned by an explosion of gunpowder yesterday afternoon. The powder had been purchased by the Republican Club, which had intended to use it in a parade last evening to celebrate the election of McKinley and Hobart. The boys were playing in the rear of Turner Hall, and found the powder in a shed. The hall is owned by young Muhlenbrink's father. The boys secured some matches and lighted the powder. Young Muhlenbrink was injured by the explosion, and his face and arms were burned, and he was probably fatally injured. The two other boys, although seriously burned, will recover.

## DIED IN HIS MOTHER'S ARMS.

### A FOUR-YEAR-OLD BROOKLYN BOY CRUSHED BENEATH THE WHEELS OF A TRUCK.

Benjamin Nusbaum, four years old, was killed almost instantly last night in North Sixth-st., near Bedford-ave., Brooklyn, by being run over by a heavy truck belonging to Van Gahn Brothers, wholesale grocers, at Park and Washington aves. The child had been taken out for a walk by his mother, who lives at No. 180 Bedford-ave., and while Mrs. Nusbaum was visiting Grosvorck & Reiner's tinmith shop, in North Sixth-st., she permitted the little fellow to play on the sidewalk.

He had been alone only a few minutes when he was run over by a heavy truck. The mother heard the screams of those who witnessed the accident, and ran to the scene. She found her child lying on the ground, and she tried to revive him, but he was dead. The body was removed from the mother's arms and the physician had difficulty in reviving her. Mrs. Nusbaum was hysterical, and she was taken to her home, where she is prostrated from the shock, which it is feared may result fatally, owing to her condition. She was arrested, and the first he knew of the accident was when he felt the jolting of the truck.

## VESSELS CRASH IN THE EAST RIVER.

### THE CLYDE LINER ONEIDA AND THE ATLANTIC LINER CLIVE IN COLLISION NEAR THE BATTERY.

The Clyde Line steamer Oneida and the Atlantic Line steamer Clive came into collision yesterday morning in the East River, near the Battery. The Clive had swung out from her pier, at Congress-st., Brooklyn, and having been carried up stream a short distance, was turning about off Pier 19 to go out, when the Oneida reached that point, and the collision occurred. The Clive was carrying 19 to go out, when the Oneida reached that point, and the collision occurred. The Clive was carrying 19 to go out, when the Oneida reached that point, and the collision occurred.

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# BRIGHTER DAYS FOR LABOR.

## THOUSANDS OF UNEMPLOYED HANDS SECURING WORK.

### MILLS AND SHOPS CONTINUE TO START UP THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE GREAT SOUND-MONEY VICTORY.

Pittsburg, Nov. 7.—Greater activity is apparent in the industrial institutions since Wednesday than at any time during the year. Every mill and workshop in Pittsburg is operating more actively or is preparing to start on Monday. A number of departments which have been entirely idle or operated spasmodically since the summer shutdown will be in operation next week. The only industry which has not yet felt the thrill of reviving confidence is window-glass. Inactivity in this line is delayed because of the inability of the workers and many extensive foundries on the water seal. It is thought that a conference will be called soon and an agreement reached.

James McKee, first vice-president of the Pennsylvania Iron Works, says that railroad improvements have been held back for several months, and contracts aggregating large sums in value will be let shortly for extensions, bridges and supplies.

Moundsville, W. Va., Nov. 7.—Revival of business among the factories here is closely following McKinley's election. The Fostoria glass works, employing 300 men, are at full time in every department. The Ship Valley cotton-weaving mills, idle for three years, have been purchased by Sands Brothers, of Wheeling, and will start on Monday. Improvement in trade is reported among other manufacturers.

Warren, Ohio, Nov. 7.—The Thomas furnace, at Niles, employing 250 men, will resume work as soon as preparations can be made. Railroads through Warren report an increase of over 10 per cent in ore and coke shipments every department. The Ship Valley cotton-weaving mills, idle for three years, have been purchased by Sands Brothers, of Wheeling, and will start on Monday. Improvement in trade is reported among other manufacturers.

Youngstown, Ohio, Nov. 7.—The Lloyd Booth Company has received notice from the Sharon Steel Company that it has secured a contract for \$100,000 worth of machinery for what is known as the finishing end of the Mammoth steel plant. The company has also received orders since the election which will keep the machinery shops busy for some time.

Massillon, Ohio, Nov. 7.—The Mullins Coal Mill will open four new mines in the Massillon district, and work will begin on one at once. The cause of the venture is the election of McKinley.

Muskegon, Mich., Nov. 7.—The Alaska Refrigerator Company, the largest refrigerator factory in the world, will resume work Monday after being idle all summer. The company has 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 feet of hardwood lumber ready for immediate manufacture. It employs from 300 to 400 hands, and its annual output is 60,000 refrigerators.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Nov. 7.—The Phoenix Furniture Company, which has been closed down for several months, has started its first department, and the other departments will be started next week. The factory employs 500 men. The company was started by the Grand Rapids Brass Company yesterday, and other departments will resume work next week. This company employs 600 workmen. The Nelson & Matter Company has started its first department. The company employs about 100 men. The Grand Rapids Brass Company will start up Monday with 200 men. All the other forty factories of the city are preparing to resume work with full forces of men. The Hamilton cycle factory will double its force and run full time with 240 men.

Lansing, Mich., Nov. 7.—E. B. Ment & Sons, manufacturers of stoves and implements; A. Clark & Co., manufacturers of carriages; and the Lansing Overall Company, have all begun work on extensive orders which were made conditional on the election of McKinley. The Lansing Wagon Works, which have been closed for several months, will start with a full force Monday.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 7.—The B. F. Avery Plough Manufacturing Company will start up on 150 extra hands at once; Ridgeford & Co., stoves, will begin operations Monday with 200 men; the Louisville Wooden Mills start up Monday with work for 300 women and girls; the Bluegrass Wooden Mills will start up Monday with 200 men; the Louisville Wooden Mills will start up Monday with 200 men; the Louisville Wooden Mills will start up Monday with 200 men.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 7.—The Bluegrass Tobacco Company, of this city, whose factory has been closed for three months, will begin operations with fifty hands, and will put on twenty-five more on Monday. Orders have already begun to come in.

Rockford, Ill., Nov. 7.—The Rockford Manufacturing Company, which has been shut down all summer, will start up with several hundred hands, and the Trahorn Pump Company, which has been idle for some months, though stocked with orders contingent upon McKinley's election, will do likewise. The Green Mountain Manufacturing Company, one of the largest concerns in the city, put on 150 men the day after election.

Rockville, Conn., Nov. 7.—Representatives of the big woolen mills in this city, which is the center of the fine woolen industry of New-England, say in interviews to-day that the prospects are encouraging for a gradual increase of business. They expect that the woolen business will be about the last to feel the effects of the business revival, but anticipate that a largely increased demand for goods. A number of mills here have already started up considerable machinery since the election.

Woonsocket, R. I., Nov. 7.—M. E. Hayward & Co.'s woolen mill at West Douglas, Mass., which lately started on reduced time, will begin running on full time next Monday, employing 200 hands.

Hartford, Conn., Nov. 7.—The New Departure Bell Company, works at Bristol began this week to run six days a week. The spoon department of the Bristol Brass and Clock Company is running full time and may be working overtime within a few weeks. All the manufacturers in Bristol report an improved feeling in business and are full confident that an era of prosperity is at hand. Two firms are arranging to let for the enlargement of their plants. Cheney Brothers will start up their silk mills at South Manchester on full time next week. They have been running on short time for several months.

Waterbury, Conn., Nov. 7.—Seelye & Upham, builders and cabinet makers, yesterday began the construction of a large brick factory in South Willow-st. The project has been held in abeyance awaiting the outcome of the election.

Galveston, Tex., Nov. 7.—The Galveston Rope and Twine factory, which has been idle for some time, will resume operations Monday, and will run on full time. This will give employment to 100 operatives.

Escanaba, Mich., Nov. 7.—Already the election of McKinley has caused business to improve. Merchants are buying heavily. The Metropolitan Lumber Company and the Garth Lumber Company have each put on 100 new men.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 7 (Special).—From the manufacturing concerns on the Lake Michigan shore of the State, from the mills and factories all through the eastern and central portion of the State, the news is that business is improving.

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# RUSSELL SAGE'S PARROT.

## IT EXPRESSES APPROVAL OF ITS OWNER'S REMARKS ABOUT THE BEAUTIES OF THE ELEVATED ROADS AND OTHER THINGS.

Russell Sage was seen at his home, No. 506 Fifth-ave., last night by a Tribune reporter about the year, again revised, that the Manhattan elevated and Metropolitan Traction systems were to be consolidated, and he said: "The story is all fudge. The statement printed this morning was entirely unauthorized."

When he was asked if he thought any benefit would be derived from the two systems being operated by one company, Mr. Sage replied as follows: "I am not sure that it is at liberty. There might be some, but I am not at liberty to talk on that subject now. It is this way: The Manhattan elevated road is the one and only system of rapid transit in the city, and it is the only one possible, and they may all talk as they like about the underground tunnel scheme and all other schemes of rapid transit. 'L' road system is the only possible one and the only feasible one."

Mr. Sage was interrupted at this point by a parrot, which was singing in its cage hard by and which at this juncture cried out: "It's all right! It's all right!"

In reply to the question if there had been any talk of consolidation of the two railroad systems, Mr. Sage said: "Not that I have heard of. Of course, there has been lots of talk on the Street among the bulls for speculative purposes."

"Why should they talk of it, Mr. Sage?" asked the reporter.

"Why, to make commissions, of course," replied Mr. Sage, laughing. "If the brokers can boost the stock four or five points, they can make a good thing out of it. I guess the Traction people would like to get control of the 'L' system, but neither Mr. Gould nor myself has ever been approached on the subject. I refused to sell my stock when it was 150, and so did Mr. Gould. The only one who sold stock was J. Pierpont Morgan. He traded it off for the Northern road to me, but I wouldn't buy it. I am not buying stock of such roads. It has never paid, and it don't pay now. I would not invest money in stock which don't pay, would you?"

The reporter said that he would not. Mr. Sage chuckled and poked the reporter in the ribs, while the parrot shouted: "It's all right! It's all right!"

H. H. Vreeland, president of the Metropolitan Traction Company, was seen at his home, No. 278 West Eighty-sixth-st., and he laughed at the story. He said that such stories had been circulated frequently for three years. He said that the scheme had never been even discussed, so far as he knew, and, as president of the Metropolitan Traction Company, he was sure that, if it had, he certainly would have heard of it.

It was said in Wall Street yesterday that the Metropolitan Traction Company was to declare a scrip dividend of 20 per cent, bearing 5 per cent and convertible into stock at par in two years. It was also reported that the Metropolitan Traction Company was to be consolidated under a new company, to be called the Metropolitan Passenger Railway Company.

One of the chief men in the Metropolitan Traction syndicate, who were working on the story of a proposed consolidation of the Metropolitan and Manhattan systems. There was at one time a proposition by outside interests to buy the controlling shares of the Metropolitan and the Manhattan systems. This scheme was never seriously considered. The Metropolitan would not have joined in it.

## BURGLARS BIND AN AGED COUPLE.

### THEY THEN LEAVE THEM IN A STABLE WHILE THEY RANSACK THE HOUSE.

Deal Beach, N. J., Nov. 7 (Special).—The summer house of David Speer, of New-York, was entered by burglars to-night. The thieves, one a white man, the other a negro, approached the house soon after 8 o'clock. Robert Rickson, an aged colored man, and his wife were in charge. The thieves seized them and threatened them with death in case they did not obey their orders. They bound the old couple and carried to the stable. Mrs. Rickson was guarded by one of the crooks, who held a revolver to her head, while the other searched the house. George Rickson, a son of the caretaker, entered the house just as the crooks were ready to depart. He saw the thieves and tried to warn them, but they did not listen to him. The burglars failed to secure any valuable property, and the silverware was removed to New-York City, where the Speers closed their home for the summer.

## CAUGHT BY THE RISE IN STOCKS.

### THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION COMPANY EMBARRASSED.

Buffalo, Nov. 7.—John Allen, secretary and treasurer of the International Commission Company, announced this morning that he would close out part of the business. When asked about the report current last night that the concern had suspended, Mr. Allen said it was not true. The business would be continued, but on a somewhat limited scale. The company has branches in several of the interior cities of New-York State and in Canada.

Notwithstanding Mr. Allen's statement, the offices of the company in this city were closed to-day. This afternoon Mr. Allen said he could not say how serious the embarrassment of the concern was until he heard from outside points. "We have in the neighborhood of 100 offices outside of Buffalo," he said. "They are scattered over the United States and Canada. About half of them were caught by the jump in stocks incidental to McKinley's election. Reports will probably come from them by wire or mail. I do not think the trouble is serious, but, no matter what the outcome may be, the Buffalo offices will be continued. Some of the outside offices will probably be discontinued. I cannot say which ones until I receive further advice."

A speculator who does considerable business with the concern said: "Allen has been caught in the wheat flurry. About a year ago he was caught in the same way. He lost \$100,000 in a week. The same thing occurred this time. The wheat market went up, and McKinley's election lent an additional boom to the market. Allen has been a consistent bear, and he has lost."

The extent of Allen's liabilities is not known, but he is credited with being a loser "on the winning side," and the probability is that he will resume business soon.

## DOG'S NERVE TRANSFERRED TO A MAN.

### REMARKABLE SURGICAL OPERATION PERFORMED IN A DETROIT HOSPITAL.

Detroit, Nov. 7 (Special).—A successful operation was performed on N. Graybiel, of Calabona, in the Butterworth Hospital here, which is believed to be a parallel in the history of surgery. Six months ago Graybiel had his right hand fearfully mutilated at the wrist on a saw. The ulnar and median nerves were nearly severed, and so badly torn that the hand was paralyzed. Last month he came here for treatment, and Dr. R. Peterson on October 25 undertook the task of removing the lower portion of the nerves and transplanting therein the sciotic nerve from a live spaniel. Graybiel and an inch and a half of each of the nerves were cut off. The nerves were made square and the ends were joined together. Two or three days ago Graybiel announced that feeling had returned to his hand, and he was able to move the hand and fingers quite freely, and full sensation had returned to the injured member. The doctors say that in a short time the hand will be as strong as ever and the man will suffer no inconvenience.

## BONDS FOUND IN A VACANT HOUSE.

### WIDOWED, N. J., Nov. 7.—Two children, while playing in a vacant house near the property of S. T. Kelly yesterday, found five \$1,000 registered bonds that were hidden in the house. The bonds are now in the possession of the authorities. It is believed that they were placed in the house by some thieves, who had committed a robbery, on the belief that the bonds were not worth anything.

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# EUROPE AND THE ELECTION.

## ENGLISH APPRECIATION AND MISUNDERSTANDING OF AMERICAN POLITICS.

### BISMARCK HAS SHAKEN CONFIDENCE IN EUROPEAN ALLIANCES—THE INCREASE OF AMERICAN HOLDINGS BY BRITISH INVESTORS—MOTOR CARRIAGES IN LONDON—ART AND THEATRICAL NOTES.

[BY CABLE TO THE TRIBUNE.] London, Nov. 7.—Silly rumors have been current since the Cabinet meeting that the Government had decided to abandon Cyprus and to submit the Egyptian question to a European conference, and that Lord Salisbury would announce the terms of the double surrender at the Guildhall banquet on Monday. The Cyprus story has been officially contradicted. The digestion of the banqueters would not be improved by so amazing and unpopular a declaration of policy; Lord Salisbury is not likely to choose a festive occasion for the humiliating confession that England has been compelled to pay tribute both to Russia and France before being allowed to enter the Dual Alliance. Bismarck, moreover, has succeeded in discrediting all diplomatic coalitions by his startling revelations. He has demonstrated that the Triple Alliance was neutralized by a secret treaty between Germany and Russia, and that the three Emperors' alliance, which preceded the present coalition, did not prevent one ally from plotting against another, and attempting to secure the neutrality of a third Power. After so cynical an exhibition as this of the hollowness and worthlessness of European alliances, a position of splendid isolation would appear a stronghold of power for England or any other great nation.

Lord Salisbury is not likely to repeat last year's menaces heard in the same Guildhall, but will probably discuss the Armenian question on the lines defined by M. Hanotaux in the French Chamber. He may also foreshadow the speedy settlement of the Venezuelan question, which would be a popular theme in the city.

Bismarck's disclosures continue to astonish and disturb the Continent. The motive for them is evidently something more serious than senile rage over personal neglect or jealous pique and resentment. Apparently it is discernment of the decline of German prestige and influence in Continental affairs in consequence of the Franco-Russian alliance that inspires his disclosure of State secrets. Having illustrated his own astuteness in offsetting the Triple Alliance he exposed Germany to the charge of duplicity in deserting Austria. The second disclosure re-adjusted matters, since it proved the sincerity of German friendship for Austria when Russia was meditating a treacherous attack upon her. The practical utility of these revelations in restoring German influence cannot readily be perceived. The Triple Alliance is weakened by them and the Dual Alliance is rendered more formidable. French critics acutely contend that Bismarck's refusal to desert Austria when Alexander II wished to attack her in order to give his army officers a chance to obtain promotion was the logical sequel to the Czar's previous unwillingness to allow Germany to invade France a second time in 1875. What is evident is that Bismarck, if he continues his astonishing series of revelations, will effectually impair the moral force of European alliances.

The result of the American elections remains the chief theme of